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KALIDA – Kalida defeated St. John's in the third set Saturday afternoon 25-22 to win the fifth-place match at the Pioneer Volleyball Invitational.

The Wildcats won the first set against the Blue Jays 25-18 before the Blue Jays won the second 25-21, forcing a winner-take-all third set.

Kalida opened the day falling in two close games to Fairview 25-23, 26-24 before defeating Perry 25-13, 25-18 in their next match.

St. John's advanced to face Kalida as they defeated Spencerville 22-25, 25-18, 25-12. Leading the Lady Bearcats were Schylar Miller (13 assists, 1 block, 1 kill, 1 ace), Katie Merriman (6 digs, 3 kills), Amanda Crider (5 blocks, 3 digs, 2 kills), Maddy Hollar (14 digs, 1 ace), Cierra Adams (4 kills, 2 blocks, 2 aces), Chelsea Hanjora (2 aces, 1 kill) and Megan Miller (7 digs, 5 kills, 1 ace).

The Blue Jays dropped into the consolation bracket as they dropped a 3-set match to eventual winner Bath in their opener, 21-25, 25-19, 25-14.

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Against the Wildkittens, Jessica Geise had seven kills, Bekah Fischer six kills and three aces, Alicia Buettner six kills and Colleen Schulte 12 assists.

For Kalida (4-2) in the St. John's match, Kylie Oserhage was 18-of-28 hitting with 10 kills and 14-of-14 serving with four aces. Morgan Niese was 19-of-22 hitting with 10 kills and Elizabeth Turnwald was 21-of-24 hitting with eight kills and 14-of-14 serving with four aces.

Kenndey Hoffman was 9-of-9 serving with three aces, Alexis Decker was 60-of-61 setting with 16 assists and Nicole Recker was 43-of-43 setting with 14 assists.

In the match with Perry, Decker was 16-of-17 serving with four aces and had eight assists, while Recker had four assists. Niese was 7-of-10 hitting with five kills and Turnwald was 7-of-9 hitting with four kills. Osterhage had three digs.

In the Wildcats' opening match, Turnwald was 15-of-16 hitting with five kills and Niese was 9-of-11 hitting with four kills. Decker had nine assists and Recker four kills, while Carlee Miller had seven digs and Hoffman was 16-of-16 serving with six aces.

Spencerville beat Kenton in its opener in three sets, 25-20, 22-25, 25-10. Leading that Bearcat effort was Schylar Miller (13 assists, 3 blocks, 2 aces), Merriman (5 kills, 5 blocks, 5 digs), Crider (3 kills, 4 blocks, 2 assists, 2 digs), Hollar (13 digs), Adams (3 kills), Hanjora (3 kills, 1 assist) and Megan Miller (5 kills, 2 aces, 2 digs).

The Lady Bearcats Spencerville won the seventh-place match as they defeated Perry 25-19, 25-22 led by Schylar Miller (10 assists, 1 kill, 1 ace), Merriman (2 blocks, 1 kill, 1 ace), Crider (2 kills, 1 ace), Hollar (5 digs), Adams (6 kills, 1 block), Hanjora (4 aces), Megan Miller (1 ace, 1 dig) and Tiffany Work (1 kill).

"I am very pleased with how we played this weekend; we got back to playing as a team and made a lot of improvements from our previous four matches. All of our girls played well but

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Megan Miller really stood out to me with her aggressive and scrappy play; she did a nice job keeping plays alive for us," Spencerville coach Joshua Early noted. "Katie also did a nice job with her serving; she has struggled a little bit lately but only missed one serve throughout our three matches. One thing that we really need to learn how to do is win a set when we have the chance to put a team away. We had a chance to beat Kenton in two and we didn't come out and play like we had just played the previous set. We had a chance to beat St. John's in two, or in three, and couldn't get it done. Another thing that we need to learn how to do is play our best volleyball, no matter who our opponent is. We need to play at our level, not our opponents. Getting our first win of the season against Perry was nice but we didn't play great in the match. In fact, we played our best volleyball in the first two matches that we lost. Overall, I feel like our team took a big step forward and I hope we can keep the momentum going with three games this week."

Edgerton beat Perry 25-18, 25-12; Fairview edged Edgerton 25-21, 29-27; Bath defeated Kenton 25-13, 25-19; and Edgerton punished Kenton in the consolation match 25-16, 25-7.

Bath won the 8-team invitational defeating Fairview in the championship match. Scores of the match were 19-25, 25-15, 25-20.

Spencerville visits Waynesfield-Goshen 6 p.m. tonight, Kalida visits Continental 6 p.m. Tuesday and St. John's hosts Coldwater 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

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Lady Bulldogs best Thunderbirds

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LIMA — The Elida girls soccer unit slowed down the speedy Lima Central Catholic 11, grabbing a 3-1 triumph Saturday at Lima Stadium.
Hope Carter scored a pair of goals for the Lady Bulldogs and Lindsay Hall the other.
Liz Taflinger tallied for the Lady Thunderbirds.
Both defenses did a nice job denying great scoring opportunities to the other as the hosts had seven to Elida's six.
LCC visits Ottoville 6 p.m. Tuesday, while Elida pays a visit to Van Wert 5 p.m. Thursday.
Bulldog boys drop 1-0 heart-breaker
SYLVANIA — Elida's boys soccer team lost a 1-0 heart-breaker at Sylvania Southview.
Elida won the shots on-goal — which were few and far between — 4-3.
Elida visits St. Marys Memorial 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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Elida volleyballers split at LCC

LIMA — The Elida volleyball unit split a pair of matches at the Lima Central Catholic tri-match Saturday at Msgr E.C. Herr Gymnasium.

The Bulldogs defeated Lima Senior 20-25, 25-20, 25-20. Leading the way were Torie McAdams (10 kills, 16 digs), Katie Hawk (26 assists), Erika Kiel (17 digs) and Karmyn Martinez (3 aces).

The Bulldogs (5-5) lost 25-17, 25-21 to LCC.

Top stat leaders were McAdams (6 kills), Hawk (10 assists), Kiel (18 assists), Martinez (3 aces) and Summer Grogg (5 kills).

The Elida junior varsity also split, beating the Spartans 2-1 and falling to the Lady Thunderbirds 2-0.

Elida's next match is a home match 5:30 p.m. (JV start) Thursday.

Bulldogs win 2

CAREY — Columbus Grove's volleyballers were right at home at Carey High School Saturday, belting the hosts 25-13, 25-16, then burying Van Buren 25-13, 25-6.

Versus Carey, Rachel Schumacher led the way with 23 assists, 8/8 serving and two aces, along

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with Julia Wynn (11 kills, 7 blocks), Sydney McCluer (4 kills) and Kelli Vorst (9 digs).

Against the Black Knights, Wynn had nine kills, backed by Emily Tabler (6 kills), McCluer (6 digs), Vorst (10 digs), Hope Schroeder (6 digs), Schmacher (9 assists), Briana Glass (9 assists) and Deanna Kleman (11/11 serving, 2 aces).

Grove won both junior varsity matches: 25-10, 25-9 over Van Buren; 25-21, 25-11 over Carey.

Grove hosts Jefferson 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Lady Pirates destroy Defiance

Continental's girls soccer squad destroyed Defiance 9-1 Saturday.

The Pirates scored thrice in the first half: McKenna Scott (assist to Paige Ordway), Scott and Paige Lawhorn (Scott assist).

Scott made it a 4-goal day with the first two tallies of the second half (Ordway assist on the first one), followed by Paige Kindilien (pass from Scott), Ordway (Kindilien), Sloane Zachrich and Kiana Warnement (Makenzie Mansfield).

The Bulldogs' only goal came in the second half by Cari Hybart.

The Pirates thoroughly controlled the shooting 26-2: Emma Recker had one save for the victors

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and Allison Manson had 10 for Defiance.

Continental also dominated the corner kicks 7-1.